

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 27, 2006 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 15 and 16 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-14 are currently pending in the application and are respectfully submitted for consideration.

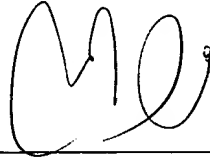
The Office Action rejected claims 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sayers (U.S. Patent No. 6,539,237) in view of Vaara (U.S. Patent No. 6,400,951). Applicants respectfully submit that, as outlined above, claims 15 and 16 have been canceled. As such, this rejection is rendered moot.

Claims 1-14 were indicated as being allowable over the prior art of record. Therefore, all of the claims remaining are indicated as being in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that all of claims 1-14 be allowed and a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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